GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DDA PARKS IN DELHI
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of DDA Parks in Delhi;

(b) the funds sanctioned and spent for upkeep and maintenance of DDA parks during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for poor/lack of maintenance of Park in Shalimar Bagh area; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the proper maintenance of these parks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The Delhi Development Authority has reported that there are 2934 number of parks of various hierarchy in DDA.The funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred on development, maintenance and upkeep of DDA parks during last three years has been as follows:

YEAR	SANCTIONED	EXPENDITURE
1998-99	Rs.66.5 crores	Rs.65.8 crores
1999-2000	Rs.67.7 crores	Rs.64.6 crores
2000-2001	Rs.78.8 crores	Rs.73.0 crores

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d): The development and maintenance of parks in DDAis a regular annual feature. However, to upkeep this process some specific steps have also been taken/being taken as detailed below:-

(i) Senior officers of the DDA are also inspecting the parks for suggesting improvements and verifying the proper maintenance.

(ii) DDA have launched the scheme of adoption of parks by reputed institutions for maintenance, upgradation and upkeep.

(iii) Some of the parks have been given on contract basis for development, maintenance and upkeep.

(iv) For public participation in the process of maintenance of the parks in some of the major parks (about 20 acres and above) Parks Committees have been constituted consisting of Resident Welfare Associations and the regular users of theparks. These committees keep a regular and proper watch on the maintenance and upkeep and also suggest certain improvements which are being implemented.

(v) Inter-Zonal competitions are also held to boost the activities.